



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

Executive Order 2010-03

WHEREAS, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim a statewide winter storm disaster in North Dakota based on recent severe winter storm activity that occurred January 20-25, 2010, and has impacted much of the Great Plains and Upper Midwest; and

WHEREAS, this storm produced freezing rain, ice, heavy snow accumulations and high winds in excess of 50 miles per hour causing blizzard conditions over several days throughout North Dakota; and;

WHEREAS, the winter storm severely impacted municipalities and rural areas for several days, shut down transportation routes, disrupted water systems, and greatly hindered the ability of local emergency services to respond to calls for assistance; and

WHEREAS, this storm caused widespread damage to electrical, telephone, and radio communication infrastructure, and is impacting citizens ability to heat and get water to their homes and businesses and it will continue to impact local and regional areas, cities and rural populations throughout the state for several weeks until all areas damaged by the storm can be repaired; and

WHEREAS, extended periods of power outage caused undue hardship for individuals, families and ranchers, requiring the use of alternate sources of power and heat while others had to relocate to shelters or with friends and family members; and

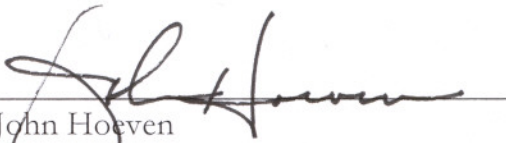
WHEREAS, power outages and weather conditions also impacted pumping, transportation and refining of crude oil impacting local fuel supplies; and

WHEREAS, I directed the N.D. Department of Emergency Services, Division of Homeland Security, to request a joint federal, state and local survey of the damaged areas. The Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) shall take place as soon as the Rural Electric Cooperatives indicate they can quantify their cost data.

NOW THEREFORE, this order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

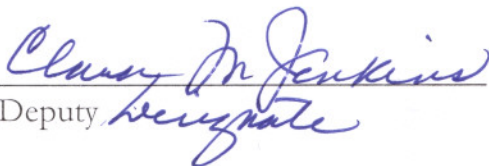
1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and,
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and,
3. A coordinated and effective effort of all state departments is required to minimize the impact of disasters and emergencies in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 27th day of January, 2010.


John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:


Secretary of State


Deputy Secretary of State